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"(b) The expenditure incurred on roads in the district during the period was Rs. 1,68,725 on National Highways, Rupees 27,62,840 on Government roads other than National Highways and Rs. 13,04,316 by the local bodies."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there will be heavy rains for about six months in Malabar, why should not the Government repair and maintain the roads properly? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid, Sir, this question must be addressed to some other colleague of mine."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, from the answer given by the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour, are we to understand that the whole income from motor taxation is diverted to roads? Will the Hon. Minister consider diverting part of the income from the taxation on motor transport to public conveniences at important bus junctions? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member presumably refers to the terminii."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the general request has been—not only from parties in this State and the public in this State but all over India—that the States should spend as much money as they recover from these taxes at least on the maintenance of roads. In our State, the total income from motor vehicles taxation is about Rs. 3 crores and we spend about Rs. 7 crores on roads and that is why the Government of India though they classified this State as receiving the highest tax from motor vehicles, have exonerated us because of the fact that we spend much more on roads."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister narrated the amount of expenditure under various heads. Will he be pleased to tell the House the assistance he received from the Centre in this connexion? " 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have not got the figures. I am only answering the question that was asked and the question of assistance from the Centre does not arise out of that question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" From the figures submitted by the Hon. Minister, it is found that in the district of Malabar a larger amount is spent on the maintenance of roads than the receipts under the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, and the Madras Motor Vehicles (Taxation of Passengers and Goods) Act. In other districts, especially in the City of Madras, the receipts are more and the maintenance charges are less. The aid which the Government give to the Corporation of Madras for the maintenance of roads is comparatively very low. What is the view of the Government regarding the plea for more assistance urged by the deputation from the Corporation of Madras which waited upon the Hon. Minister? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with this question? "

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—"My supplementary question has got a bearing on the main question, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" No, it has not. Let the hon. Member give notice of a fresh question."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What percentage of the income under this head is diverted to village roads because villages also contribute very greatly to this income? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should ask the hon. Member to address this question to another colleague of mine."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" The Hon. Minister has not answered my question. I asked whether it would be possible to divert some portion of the income from transport to provide public conveniences at important bus junctions."

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Public conveniences are a necessity and they should be constructed. But the cost of their construction need not necessarily come from the receipts under the Motor Vehicles Acts. Their cost may be met by local bodies, or by philanthropic gentlemen or by the bus owners who park their buses in bus stands."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" ' 28 லட்ச ரூபாய்க்குமேல் மோட்டார்கள் மேல் போடப்படும் வரியிலிருந்து வருமானம் கிடைக்கிறது. ஆனால், அதைவிட அதிகமான பணம் ரோடுகளை ரிப்பேர் செய்வதற்காகச் செலவு பண்ணுகிறோம், " என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஜில்லா போர்டுகள், நிலவரியோடு ஸெஸ் என்றும் வசூலிக்கின்றன. அந்தப் பணத்திலிருந்து எவ்வளவு ரூபாய் ரோடுகளை ரிப்பேர் செய்வதற்காக செலவழிக்கப்படுகிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறுவார்களா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" இந்த உபகேள்வியை கனம் மராமத்து இலாக்கா மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குப் போடவேண்டும்."

Abolition of the posts of Executive Officers to Panchayat Boards.

* 240 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to abolish the posts of Executive Officers to Panchayat Boards?

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" No Sir."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI :—" சென்ற ஜனவரி மாதத்தில் நடந்த பஞ்சாயத்து போர்டு பிரஸிடெண்டுகளின் மகாநாட்டில் இம்மாதிரி Executive officer-களை நியமிக்கக்கூடாது என்றும் இவர்களுடைய அதிகாரத்தை ரத்து செய்யவேண்டுமென்றும் ஏகமனதாகத் தீர்மானம் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டது. கனம் ஸ்தல ஸ்தாபன மந்திரியும் அதில் கலந்துகொண்டார். நிலைமை அவ்வாறு இருக்கும்பொழுது இந்த Executive officer-கள் மறுபடியும் தொடர்ந்திருக்க வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் ஏன் விரும்புகிறார்கள் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கூறுவார்களா ? "